

## A TERRIBLE BUTCHERY.

A FATHER ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIS WIFE AND FAMILY AND THEN CUTS HIS THROAT—HORRIBLE BRUTALITY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

PANOR, Mo., May 11, 1878.  
A brutal butchery, which almost resulted in a triple murder, occurred in this city to-day. For hideousness and cruelty it has never been equalled in the annals of crime in this country. Jason R. Scribner, a man about thirty-six years of age, living some three miles north of the city proper, on the road leading to Sidney, during a fit of madness attacked his wife and children in the kitchen of his dwelling with a knife, almost instantly killing one, a little girl three years old, and mortally wounding two others, a baby girl about a year old, and a boy five years old. After he had struck the children, the mother, who had previously been attacked by the crazed husband, caught up her baby and fled from the house, followed by Scribner, who ran down through a field near by, where he cut his own throat with a razor, almost severing the windpipe. Officers were immediately called and he was taken to the jail.

## NATIVE BRUTALITY.

In this city after the crime it seemed to show some sorrow for the terrible crime he had perpetrated. He is a man above the medium height, of florid complexion and possessed of a very temper. He apparently an idiot. At this time he has shown symptoms of viciousness in threatening to kill his wife, to shoot his children and to burn the church and schoolhouse, and he has received no work to do since he left the service of his family, whom the city has aided during the past winter.

The house and its surroundings show evident signs of neglect and wretchedness. The windows are partially broken where they had not been broken. The walls are stained, the rooms are poorly furnished and with the evidences of the learned crime that has just been committed, present a terrible picture of vulgar and abominable native barbarity.

The poor wife and the people who live in the vicinity declare that he is not insane but that he acts in the result of an ugly and extremely vicious temper. An unfortunate woman named Emily, the mother of two sons, was last night found dead. She may have suffered from a fracture of the skull from a terrible blow of the spade, and will also die in a very few hours. Another boy, aged ten, escaped the fury of his mad father, and ran to a neighbor's house to give the alarm.

## A HEARTBREAKING SPECTACLE.

While the HERALD correspondent was at the house, telling the particulars of the tragedy, he witnessed a scene of extreme grief, when a woman, about twenty years old, ran home from a neighboring village, where she had been working for two years, and not tasted liquor. During this time he has shown symptoms of viciousness in threatening to kill his wife, to shoot his children and to burn the church and schoolhouse, and he has received no work to do since he left the service of his family, whom the city has aided during the past winter.

The striking weavers of the Cochecho Mills this afternoon decided not to return to work on Monday evening. They stillingers unconscious. Come at earliest convenience. She claimed.

## THOMAS K. BEECHER.

Edward Beecher left for Elmira on the seven o'clock train last evening.

## BORDER CITY MILLS.

## THE CORPORATION TO BE PLACED IN INSOLVENCY BANKRUPTCY.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 11, 1878.

The second meeting of the creditors of the Border City Mills was held to-day, nearly one hundred being present. The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to hear the report of the directors and advisory committee appointed by the stockholders, which is as follows:—Actual assets (total), \$855,405; assets considered doubtful, \$67,514 21; additional liabilities, as appear by books, \$1,123,545 35; outside of books, \$70,000; total, \$1,205,554 35. It is supposed there is more irregular paper of which there is no account. It was unanimously decided that "in the opinion of the creditors present it is expedient that the Border City Mills be put into involuntary bankruptcy." This action was in accordance with a recommendation of the Corporation Committee, as there were some advantages gained by putting into involuntary bankruptcy which could not be gained by a voluntary petition for such a case. A committee was appointed to take charge of the subject matter of involuntary bankruptcy, and it was voted that this committee have power to call a meeting of the creditors which would be convened at the first opportunity. It was also voted that the corporation of the mills would be discontinued.

It was stated that the corporation had received no money from the Mutual companies, and it was voted that this committee have power to call a meeting of the creditors which would be convened at the first opportunity.

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